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SUBJECT: MEXICO TAKES ON BOARD U.S. VIEWS ON PDG PROGRAMS,
IRAQ ELECTION SUPPORT

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[1](#)1. Deputy PolCouns delivered reftel A points to Lorena Larios, Deputy Director of the Foreign Ministry's (SRE) Office of International Policy on Human Rights, conveying appreciation for GOM interest in the PDG and calling attention to the importance the PDG attached to projects that aim to improve government services and promote greater transparency on budgets and procurement. Larios took on board points but signaled Mexico may still seek to pitch assistance on elections with other PDG partners at the upcoming Paris meeting.

[1](#)2. Deputy PolCouns conveyed appreciation for Mexico's interest in providing electoral assistance to Iraq but noted Iraq had not requested such assistance from the PDG. As Iraq prepares for elections over the next two years, we would advise Mexico of opportunities to provide assistance on elections as they became available.

[1](#)3. As of 1/30, Mexico had still not identified who would head its delegation to the PDG meeting scheduled for 2/13. Larios welcomed the invitation to the small group meeting the morning of 2/13 at the USOECD Mission to discuss Chile's candidacy as PDG Vice-Chair. She wondered aloud though why Mexico had not been considered a candidate. Deputy PolCouns advised that Chile had apparently volunteered and the U.S. was responding positively to that offer.

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